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TO AMEMBASSY PORT OF SPAIN PRIORITY

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SUBJECT:OMEGA NEGOTIATIONS

1. AMBASSADOR MCINTYRE CAME IN TO SEE DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SHELTON ON AUGUST 28 AT HIS REQUEST TO DISCUSS THE OMEGA NEGOTIATIONS. HE ASKED FOR A BRIEF REVIEW OF THE STATUS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS AND AFTERWARDS SAID THAT HE HAD REASON TO BELIEVE THIS MATTER COULD BE BROUGHT TO A SATISFACTORY CONCLUSION QUITE QUICKLY. HE REQUESTED A COPY OF THE MOST RECENT TEXT OF THE DRAFT AGREEMENT SUBMITTED TO THE GOTT AND SAID HE WOULD STUDY IT IN THE COURSE OF THE WEEK AND THAT HE MIGHT BE READY TO MEET WITH US TO RESOLVE ANY DIFFERENCES AS EARLY AS FRIDAY.

2. MCINTYRE DID NOT SAY SPECIFICALLY THAT HE HAS BEEN EMPOWERED TO NEGOTIATE AND SIGN A NEW AGREEMENT HERE IN THE COURSE OF THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS, BUT THIS WAS THE CONFIDENTIAL

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CLEAR IMPRESSION HE GAVE. IF SO, GOTT DESIRE TO NEGOTIATE AND CONCLUDE THE AGREEMENT IN WASHINGTON RATHER THAN PORT OF SPAIN SUGGESTS A DESIRE TO AVOID MEDIA ATTENTION AND POSSIBLE POLITICAL RAMIFICATIONS AT HOME. HENCE, EMBASSY PROBABLY SHOULD KEEP A LOW PROFILE ON THIS ISSUE UNTIL AN AGREEMENT HAS BEEN CONCLUDED. HOWEVER, ANY REACTIONS OR ADVICE THE EMBASSY MAY HAVE WOULD BE WELCOME.

3. WE BELIEVE THE COPY OF THE LATEST PROPOSED TEXT OF THE AGREEMENT WHICH WE PROVIDED AMBASSADOR MCINTYRE IS IDENTICAL TO THE ONE DELIVERED BY THE EMBASSY TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. HOWEVER, TO AVOID ANY POSSIBILITY OF ANY MISUNDERSTANDING DURING THE FORTHCOMING NEGOTIATIONS, EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO CABLE COPY OF TEXT EXACTLY AS DELIVERED TO MINISTRY.

4. AMBASSADOR FOX WAS PRESENT DURING THE MEETING WITH MCINTYRE AND HAS CLEARED THIS CABLE. HE WILL ALSO SIT IN ON THE INITIAL NEGOTIATING SESSION ASSUMING IT TAKES PLACE AS EARLY AS FRIDAY. CHRISTOPHER

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